

Hawthorn Childcare Centre Newsletter



January 2018



Welcome Back

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome back all of our families in 2018. We hope that you had a lovely break with your family and friends.

We would also like to welcome all of our new families to the Centre. We look forward to getting to know you and your children.

Bookings for 2018

We have now finalised all of our bookings for 2018 year and are currently running at full capacity

If you wish to make any changes to your bookings please let us know in writing at kidz@chariot.net.au and you will be placed onto our internal waitlist. We will do our very best to accommodate you.

Holidays in 2018

If you are planning a holiday in 2018 please let us know two weeks in advance so that we can apply the holiday discount to your fees.

Also please note that when children go on holidays this affects our staffing. If your plans change and you are no longer going on holidays, or your dates have changed, please let us know so we can ensure we have the correct staffing.

Absentees

Please ensure that you contact the Centre if your child is going to be away for the day.

Our staffing is based upon child to staff ratios and being informed if children will not be attending assists us with managing our staff on a daily basis.

Thank you.

Parent Grievances

As a service we strive to ensure that we are providing a service that all families are happy with.

To be able to do this effectively we ask for families to please tell us if you have any concerns or questions.

Please email us or come and speak to Guitta or Jane at any time.

Signing In and Out

We would like to remind all families to ensure you sign your child in and out each day.

The iPads are automatically linked to Centrelink, so if you do not sign in Centrelink will not be aware of your usage and you may not receive all of your benefit.

There is a new messaging function on our iPads. Please be aware that you need to click that you have read the message prior to signing out your child otherwise the device will not acknowledge your child has been signed out.

We thank you for your co-operation.



Sharing Children's Learning

2017 saw the successful implementation of the Hawthorn Child Care Centre app across the Centre. The app has allowed us to communicate with families easily and efficiently throughout the year, and we thank you for embracing this new system.

In 2018 we are now utilizing the SeeSaw app across all rooms in the Centre to share more of your child's learning digitally. Using a digital platform provides the opportunity to share more examples of your child's learning in a sustainable and easily accessible manner.

Please let the team leader in your child's room know if you wish to receive your child's observations in an alternative manner.

Welcomes and Farewells

This year we are welcoming CiCi to the Centre. CiCi will be working as the co-Team Leader in the Banksia Room.

At the end of this month we will be farewelling Bianca from the Centre. We wish her luck.

Lost Property

Whilst we endeavour to ensure your child takes home all of their belongings, this task is easier if everything your child brings in is **clearly named**.

Our storage space is limited for items that are left at the Centre so all items left at the end of the day will be placed in our lost property basket which is located out by the front door.

All items that are not claimed by the end of each month will be donated to charity.

Hats and Sunscreen

Our sun protection policy continues to be in effect.

We ask that each child be provided with a hat that provides adequate sun protection; bucket hats are a great option. Please ensure your child's hat is clearly labelled with their name. Children without hats will be unable to use the full yard during the day.

We encourage you to send your child in warm weather appropriate clothing including clothing with collars and sleeves.

Please ensure that your child has sunscreen applied upon arrival. There is sunscreen available here for you to do this.

We will re-apply this during the day.



Naming Drink Bottles

If your child brings a water or milk bottle with them each day please ensure that all parts are clearly labelled with your child's name and have a secure top

This is not only for health and safety reasons, but also to assist Educators in handing out bottles. It is also another opportunity for your child to develop independence by recognising their own name.

Thank you



Upcoming Events

January 26th: Australia Day. Centre is closed.

January 29th: Term 1 Starts.

Parent Information Sessions

In 2018 we are looking to offer more parent information sessions at the Centre.

At this stage we are looking to offer information sessions on toileting, nutrition, sleep, and behaviour guidance.

If there is a particular speaker or session you would like to see offered, please speak to Guitta or Jane.

Kindy Bus

With Term One starting next week some of our friends are starting preschool. This is such an exciting time for the children as they begin their preschool journey and can finally take a ride on the Kindy bus!

The bus leaves at approximately 8:30am. If you arrive after the bus leaves you will need to drop your child at preschool as we are unable to make two trips.

Please ensure that your child's backpack is large enough to accommodate their lunch box and drink bottle.

We are looking forward to watching the children grow and develop over this very exciting year!

Book Sharing Library

You may have noticed our 'Little Library' out the front of the Centre. We invite you to take some books and share some books you may no longer want.

There is no need to return any of the books you take (unless you want to of course).

We have started you off with some children's picture books but this library is not just for the children. Please feel free to add any novels, cookbooks and or magazines etc that you like to share.

Through this we aim to provide another way to recycle unwanted items whilst also promoting the joy of reading and sharing with the community.

Sustainability Links

This year we are continuing to collect printer cartridges for Planet Ark.

Please follow this link and have a look:

<http://planetark.org/campaigns/cartridges.cfm>



Quality Improvement Plan

We continue to add to the Centre's Quality Improvement Plan in line with the new ACECQA National Quality Standards for 2018.

We would love to share this with you so please do not hesitate to request a copy of the plan from Guitta or Jane.

Haircuts

On Thursday the 25th of January we will be offering haircuts by Kimberly for \$20.00 per child.

If you would like your child to receive a haircut please place their name on the sign-up sheet by the front door.

Fruit

Thank you to all our families who have been providing fruit for morning tea. Fruit can be placed in the brown basket inside the entrance to the Centre and must be as bought from the supermarket. If your child attends the Jacaranda Room their fruit must be **left in their bag**.

We cannot accept fruit which has been cut at your home due to health and safety regulations.

Children under three require a soft fruit option so keep this in mind when selecting the fruit to bring for morning tea.



Updated Details

We ask that ensure that you have provided us with your up-to-date contact details for 2018. If you, or your emergency contacts, have had a change to phone numbers or emails, please provide us with your new details.

Please also ensure that we have an up-to-date copy of your child/ren's immunisation records.



Give and Donate

This year we have started a new program called Give and Donate to support the community programs around us. We ask that you donate empty bottles and cans that have the 10c refund for recycling on the bottle. We then recycle the materials and donate the money to different charities around the area.

There is an allocated container at the front of the centre for your donated bottles and cans. We are hoping to make a small difference in the community and to people in need.

We thank you in advance for your donations.



Easter Meet and Greet

This year we are hosting an Easter Meet and Greet at 6:30pm Wednesday the 28th of March. This is a great opportunity to get to know the staff in your child's room; look over their portfolios and other work; ask any questions you may have; and get to know other parents. Please RSVP by the 19th of March to kidz@chariot.net.au. We look forward to seeing you there!

